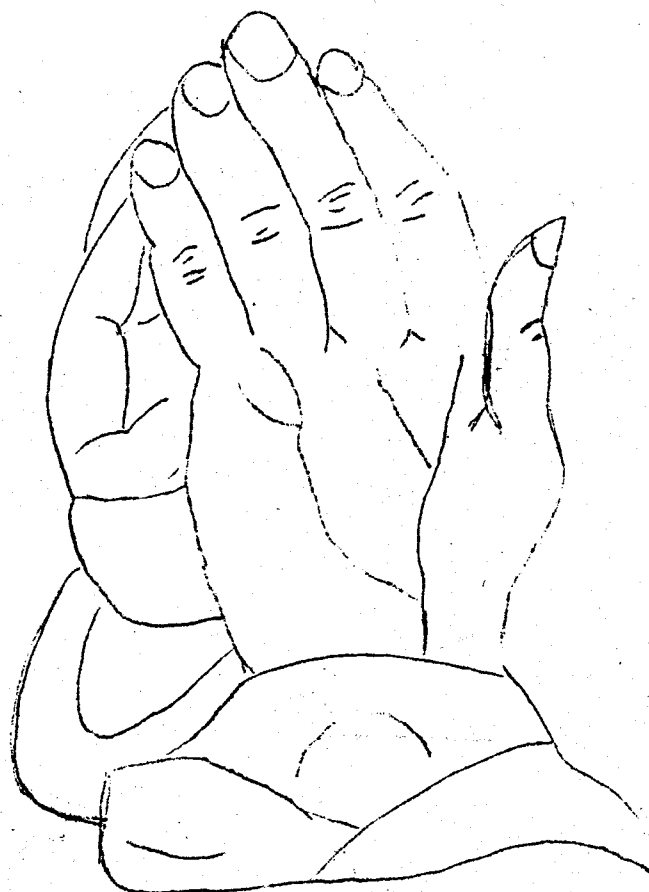
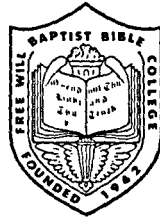




MIDESSA DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
SEPTEMBER 11, 1971-SEPTEMBER 9, 1972

DIGEST
OF
REPORTS

PSALMS 19:14 "LET THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH, AND THE MEDITATION OF MY HEART, BE
ACCEPTABLE IN THY SIGHT, O LORD, MY STRENGTH, AND MY REDEEMER."



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Thurmon Murphy

Midessa District Association
of
Free Will Baptists
1972-1973

OFFICERS

Moderator-----	Lionel Cooksey
Assistant Moderator-----	Glen Hood
Clerk-----	Ila Merle North
Treasurer-----	Weldon Huston
Parliamentarian-----	Bill Johnson
Assistant Clerk-----	Neva Woody

BOARDS

Executive Board	4 Years	David Sellers
	3 Years	H.D. Baker
	2 Years	W.H. Johnson
	1 Year	Keith Woody
Credential Board	3 Years	Gene McCowan
	2 Years	Jim Qualls
	1 Year	Bill Harmon
Home Mission Board	3 Years	Glen Wood
	2 Years	H.D. Baker
	1 Year	R.E. Lunsford
Sunday School Board	3 Years	Ethel Sellers
	2 Years	Neva Woody
	1 Year	Dora Johnson
Church Training Service	3 Years	Betty Hobbs
	2 Years	Greeta Cooksey
	1 Year	R.E. Lunsford
Board of Trustees		Boyd Phillips
		David Sellers
		Ray Wood
Auditing Committee	3 Years	Gary Tune
	2 Years	Gene McCowan
	1 Year	Elizabeth McCowan
Resolutions Committee	3 Years	Nadine Hood
	2 Years	Ethel Sellers
	1 Year	Doris Archer
C.T.S. Director		Pat Cates
Temperance Committee	3 Years	Nick Baker
	2 Years	Elizabeth McCowan
	1 Year	Marie Smart
Obituary Committee	3 Years	Zanette Mowery
	2 Years	Ruby Stout
	1 Year	Barbara Mizzles

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Bible Free Will Baptist Church
4700 Bryan Road, Odessa, Texas 79760-----366-6870

Pastor-

Clerk-Doris Archer
Rt. #2 Box 525, Odessa, Texas 79760-----

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Pastor-Dean Thompson
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Clerk-Marjorie Costello
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Faith Free Will Baptist Church
409 S.E. Ave. C, Andrews, Texas 79714-----

Pastor-

Clerk-Wilma Rogers
710 N.W. 5th., Andrews, Texas 79714-----

First Free Will Baptist Church
7th. & Vine Sts., Odessa, Texas 79760-----332-4173

Pastor-Lionel Cooksey
2205 West 7th. St., Odessa, Texas 79760-----332-4173

Clerk-Mrs. Weldon Huston
1410 Shafter, Odessa, Texas 79760-----366-0855

Westside Free Will Baptist Church
4031 West Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701-----697-1521

Pastor-Glen Hood
4726 Leisure Dr., Midland, Texas 79701-----694-0794

Clerk-Geraldine Harmon
#4 Keenland, Midland, Texas 79701-----694-1002

First Free Will Baptist Church
504 N.W. Ave. F, Seminole, Texas 79360-----758-5690

Pastor-H.D. Baker
504 N.W. Ave. F., Seminole, Texas 79360-----758-5690

Clerk-Betty Baker
504 N.W. Ave. F, Seminole, Texas 79360-----758-5690

First Free Will Baptist Church
4424 35th. St., Lubbock, Texas-----

Pastor-Keth Woody
4605 45th. St., Lubbock, Texas-----797-2556

Clerk-Jerita Fife
1313 25th St., Lubbock, Texas -----

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1417 Verde, Odessa, Texas 79760-----EM6-6044

Betty Hobbs
2717 N. Center, Odessa, Texas 79760-----

Boyd Phillips
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Ray Wood
2519 East 11th. St., Odessa, Texas 79760-----

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Mario Smart
904 East 25th. St., Odessa, Texas 79760-----EM2-1565

Zanette Mowery
Lubbock, Texas-----

Ruby Stout
2021 West 8th. St. Odessa, Texas 79760-----

Barbara Mizzles
3900 Cedar Springs, Midland, Texas 79701-----694-7334

Deacons

Bible F.W.B. Church-Wesley Bray, R.E. Ziegler, Cecil Qualls.
Faith Church-David Sollers
First Church, Kermit-E.A. Fielding, David Sumpter
First Ch., Odessa-Glen Wood, Ray Wood, Boyd Phillips, Weldon Huston, Leo Jones
First Church, Seminole-Eugene McCowan
First Church, Lubbock-Thayer Nolte, Gary Roberts Gene Mowery.
Westside Church-Sherman North, Bill Johnson, Bill Harmon.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS OF THE MIDESSA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

PREAMBLE

To the end that all things may be done decently and in order, and that we may more readily help each other in our Christian service as members of the Midessa Association of Free Will Baptists. We adopt the following Constitution and By-Laws as methods of our work.

ARTICLE I

NAME AND OBJECT

Section I Name-The Midessa Association of Free Will Baptists.

Section II-This Association, believing in the inspired Word of God, and as the sole rule of faith and practice, and acknowledging it's adherence to all the teachings of Christ, is organized for the purpose of the worship of God according to the teachings of His Word, to practice the precepts and examples of the church of our Lord Jesus Christ as set forth in the New Testament, to sustain the ordinances and doctrines, and to preach and propagate among all people of the earth the Gospel of God's salvation by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

ARTICLE II

ASSOCIATIONAL AFFILIATION

Section II-This local body of Free Will Baptist shall be a member of the

Texas State Association of Free Will Baptist, and the National Association of Free Will Baptist, and shall report regularly by delegation and any necessary letters.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section I-No church shall be accepted as a member of this Association in any manner without the will of the body duly expressed by its vote.

Section II-The geographical location of this Association, using Midland as the center, shall be; North to Lubbock, East to Sweetwater, Southeast to Sonora and San Angelo, South to Sheffield, Southwest to Ft. Stockton, West to Pecos and Northwest to the New Mexico State line.

Section III-Any Church, doctrinally sound, approved by the Credentials Committee, within the above named locality, and complying with and endorsing this Constitution and By-Laws, and meeting the approval of the General Body when in session, may be accepted.

Section IV-Each Church may be represented by delegation according to the following basis:

Church-----	2 Delegates
Sunday School-----	1 Delegate
Church Training Service-----	1 Delegate
Womans Auxilary-----	1 Delegate
Masters Men or Brotherhood-----	1 Delegate
Total: <u>6</u> Delegates	

No Church shall exceed 6 Delegates.

Section V-All ordained personnel and all chairmen of boards, or their proxies, pastor's wives and deacon's wives in good standing with their local Church and Association, shall have a standing vote.

Section VI-Each delegation shall be qualified upon presenting to the Association, through the Credentials Committee, an authorized statistical letter signed by the pastor (or moderator) and church clerk, together with the stipulated associational dues. Failure to present the proper credentials shall disqualify delegation.

Section VII-New churches wishing to become members of this Association shall present such petitionary letters as shall be authorized by the body.

Section VIII-Upon the adoption of the report of the Credentials Committee, the delegates may be seated. Manner of seating the delegates shall be left to the discretion of the moderator.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section I-The officers of the Association shall be: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Chairman of Standing Boards or their proxies.

Section II-It shall be the duty of the moderator to call the Association

to order and to preside over all sessions thereof. In the absence of the Moderator, the Assistant Moderator shall preside, or in his absence, the Clerk or the senior Minister shall preside until the election of a Moderator Protempore. Between sessions, the Moderator is chairman of the Executive Committee.

Section III-It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assist the Moderator in maintaining order and preside over the Association in his absence or at request.

Section IV-It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make and keep accurate records of all sessions of the Association, to have copies of the minutes printed and distributed to the churches comprising this Association, to make and keep good and accurate records of all meetings of the Executive Committee, and to enter the same in the minutes of the next session of this Association. Between sessions, the clerk is secretary of the Executive Committee.

Section V-It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds paid or donated to the Association and to make duly authorized disbursements; to make and keep a good and accurate record of all funds received and disbursed, and to report the same to the Association at the annual session. Between sessions, he is a member of the Executive Committee.

Section VI-It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to familiarize himself with the Parliamentary Law recognized by the Association, and to be ready to dispose of any point of order that be referred to him.

Section VII-The Officers of the Association shall be elected at the beginning of each annual session and shall assume office at the close of the session at which they were elected.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Section I-This Association shall have four meetings a year. They shall be as follows:

1. The Friday night and Saturday before the second Sunday in December.
2. The Friday night and Saturday before the second Sunday in March.
3. The Friday night and Saturday before the second Sunday in June.
4. The Friday night and Saturday before the second Sunday in September.

Section II-In December, March, and June meetings, a quarterly report shall be given by all churches. In the September meeting, a quarterly report and an annual report shall be given by all churches.

Section III-The Delegation from 50% of the membership churches shall constitute a quorum.

Section IV-The place of meeting shall be selected by majority vote of all members present; however, no invitation will be accepted by the Association unless it is written into the letter by authority of the church.

ARTICLE VI

FINANCE

Section I-Each church shall send \$10.00 in each regular meeting of this

Association.

Section II-Each church must support the plan endorsed by the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The present plan being the Cooperative Plan which is 10% of the gross income of each church. This money shall be directed to this Association's Treasurer, and he in turn shall act according to the District Budget set at each annual meeting, or otherwise as directed by the District in the allocation of district monies.

Section III-Allocation of Associational monies:

1. Executive Committee.
2. Standing Boards and Committees.
3. Associational expense-Minutes, State and National dues, expense of District delegates to State Association, when not held in local District, and any other need directed by this Association.

ARTICLE VII

STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Section I-Executive Board: This Board shall consist of nine members who shall be as follows: Five members shall be officers of the Association. They shall be Moderator, as chairman, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and the Treasurer. The other four members shall be elected by the body. At least two of these from the laity. They shall be elected in such a way as to require one to be elected each year. To this Board is delegated power to act in behalf of, and for this Association between regular sessions. This Board has the right to execute discipline in regards to any church that they may deem necessary. The Board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its own body.

Section II-Board of Trustees: This Board shall consist of three members. They shall hold office at the will of this Association. They shall control any property entrusted to this Association.

Section III-Credential Board: There shall be three members elected from ordained personnel belonging to this Association. They shall examine all credentials and give any necessary examinations. This Board shall issue Minister's cards to those in good standing. They shall be elected in such a way as to require one to be elected each year.

Section IV-Church Training Service- This Board shall have three members. They shall be responsible for the Church Training Service Program of this Association. They shall be elected by the body in such a way as to require one member each year to be elected.

Sunday School Board- This Board shall have three members. They shall be responsible for the Sunday School Program of this Association. They shall be elected by the body in such a way as to require one member to be elected each year.

Section VI-Home Mission Board- This Board shall have three members. They shall be responsible for all Home Mission work of this Association. They shall be elected by the body in such a way as to require one member to be elected each year.

Section VII-The Standing Committees shall be: Resolutions, Obituary, Temperance and Auditing Committee. Each of these committees shall have three

members who shall be elected on the same basis as the standing boards.

BY-LAWS

1. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence, the oldest minister present shall call the Association into conference.
2. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
3. Visiting brethren are invited to sit as advisory members.
4. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
5. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.
6. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
7. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.
8. The Moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a christian spirit.
9. The ruling of the Moderator may be over-ruled by a two-thirds majority of the members voting.
10. No questions from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed in it's own Church.
11. At each Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.
12. Any church leaving the District for any cause if said church owes the Midessa District Association any money, Midessa District must first be paid in full before said church is released.
13. Any Minister or Deacon who becomes un-orthodox in the Free Will Baptist faith and practices, or in his conduct, shall be dealt with by the Executive Board of the Association, and if he is proven guilty, will turn his credentials over to the Executive Board until such a time that they may Lawfully be redeemed.
14. Petitioning Churches must read this Constitution and By-Laws to their respective churches before admission to this body.
15. This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of this Association, provided it carries a two-thirds majority of all voting members present. Proposed changes must be in writing, and submitted by three or more elected or standing delegates, and given to the Credentials Board, who shall present it along with church letters. The proposed change shall be tabled as the last item of business, thus allowing everyone time to think and discuss said proposed change.
16. Written examinations shall be required by any candidate for license or ordination in this Association, or any church belonging to this Association.

- 17.If any church has not complied with this Constitution in every way,they shall be subject to automatic dismissal from this Association, and that the Executive Board with the Credential Board shall make their recommendation to the Association.
- 18.Each church must meet their financial obligations as nearly as possible on the first of each month.
- 19.Deacons must be on trial for a full six months.Ministers on trial for a full year.
- 20.No person shall be ordained who does not believe in and practice tithing.
- 21.Based on I Timothy 3:2,12 "A bishop then must be blameless,the husband of one wife,vigilant,sober,of good behaviour,given to hospitality,apt to teach."
"Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife,ruling their children and their own houses well."
- 22.No ordained person shall officiate in this Association if he or his wife has two living companions.
- 23.Any Minister or Deacon in violation of By-Law 22 will forfeit his credentials with the exception of those presently ordained.

MINUTES FROM
SEPT.11,1971-SEPT.1972

The Midessa District Association Quarterly Meeting convened with Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Andrews,Texas on September 11,1971.

The session was opened in prayer.

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Keith Woody with Sis. Frances Taylor at the piano.

Bro. Floyd Brawley led in prayer.

Bro. Glen Hood,Moderator of Midessa District,welcomed the congregation and moderated the session.

Bro. Bill Harmon gave a partial Credentials Report.It was as follows:

5 Churches reported with 27 delegates and \$50.00 in the church letters. Motion carried to receive the partial report and seat the delegates.

Bro. Lionel Cooksey was appointed by the Moderator to act on the Credential Board for this session.

Bro. Hood,Sis. Mickie Cates and Frances Taylor blessed our hearts with a special,"Remind Me Dear Lord."

Bro. David Sellers bought the devotion on "Unity".Scripture text was Eph.4: 1-3 and Psalms 133:1.

The delegates were asked to stand and right hand of christian fellowship was extended to each of them.

Bro. Weldon Huston led our hearts in prayer.

Bro. Glen Hood and Bro. Weldon Huston were recognized and commended on being Texas outstanding Minister and Layman for the year.

Motion carried to go to Seminole Church for the next Quarterly Meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was given and accepted as read.

The Sunday School Report was given by Ssi. Neva Woody. It was as follows:
Total Enrollment-253, New Members-37, Dropped-2, No. of Depts.-10, No. of
Classes-35, Ave. Grade-76, Offering-\$2,928.57, Ave. Grade-39.

Submitted by,
Neva Woody

Motion passed to receive it.

The C.T.S. Report was given by Sis. Pat Cates. Report:
Enrollment-157, No. of C.T.S.'s-20, Ave. Attend.-35, Offering-\$424.26,
Dropped-3, Ave. Grade-64.

Submitted by,
Pat Cates
Greta Cooksey
Nadine Hood
R.E. Lunsford

Motion made, seconded and carried to receive the report and vote on it item by item. Motion carried.

1. Motion made and seconded to meet at Andrews Church on October 16th.
Motion carried.
2. Motion made, seconded and carried that the First, Second and third grade students have competition in our local churches and in the District Association.
3. Motion made, seconded and carried that we purchase a new C.T.S. banner.

After a recess, Bro. Baker gave an oral report for the Home Mission Board.
Motion carried to receive it as information.

The Auditing Committee Report was given by Sis. Elizabeth McCowan. The books were found correct and in order. Motion carried to receive this report.

Submitted by,
Elizabeth McCowan

The Executive Board Report was given by Sis. North. Motion passed to receive it and vote on it item by item.

Motion made, seconded and carried to give Judy Smith account \$25.00 as she will need \$1000.00 before she leaves for Japan.

Dannye Potter led in prayer.

Bro. Harmon gave an additional Credential Report. It was as follows:

"We the Credential Board have examined Bro. Eugene McCowan and we recommend him for ordination as deacon." Motion carried to receive this report.

Motion made, seconded and carried to accept Bro. & Sis. Floyd Brawley into Midessa Association.

Motion carried that our District Association send \$300.00 to the Texas State Association for our National Associational Meeting in Ft. Worth, Texas in 1972 in addition to the \$41.00 that Bible Church has sent in, and that each local church pay their part of the \$300.00 back into the treasury.

The Moderator admonished each individual to pray for the National Association meeting.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the District Association take steps according to our Constitution, with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kermit, Texas, and that we make recommendations at the next Quarterly Meeting. (This concerns their not being represented at the Quarterly meetings).

Again the congregation joined in singing.

An offering was taken.

Bro. Hood led our hearts in prayer.

Bro. Hood, Bro. Lionel Cooksey, Bro. Mick Baker and Bro. Keith Woody honored us by singing two special numbers "What A Day That Will Be". & "Heavens Jubilee".

Bro. Baker brought the message of the hour on a "Radiant Life". The Text was Isa. 62:1-6. The basis of the message was to shine forth for Christ. It was a challenge to our hearts. An invitation was given.

Bro. Hood gave an oral report on the Missionary Conference. A total of \$1520.29 was given and pledged from our District.

Motion carried to give host church a rising vote of thanks for their kind hospitality.

Bro. R.E. Lunsford dismissed in prayer and offered the blessing on the noon meal.

The meeting was adjourned.

Clerk,
Ila North

December 11, 1971

The Midessa District Association Quarterly Meeting convened with First Free Will Baptist Church in Seminole, Texas on December 11, 1971.

The session opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Keith Woody.

Bro. Glen Hood welcomed the session and moderated the meeting.

A partial Credential Report was given by Bro. Bill Harmon. Report:
6 Churches and 1 Mission reported with \$60.00 in church letters and 27 delegates. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the report and seat the delegates. Bro. Lionel Cooksey had each delegate to stand and they were given the right hand of Christian fellowship.

The Standing delegates and visitors were recognized and welcomed.

Bro. Gwen Tanner brought the devotion from Heb. 11:1 on "Faith". The devotion was truly a blessing.

The minutes were read by the District Clerk. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept them as read.

The Treasurer's Report was given. Motion carried to receive it as given.

The Home Mission Report was given by Bro. Lionel Cooksey. The Report was accepted and voted on item by item.

1. Motion made and seconded that we start a new work in Big Spring, Texas under the leadership of Br. Garland Davidson. Motion carried.
2. Motion made and seconded that the District Association rent a building in Big Spring, Texas for a period of three months. Motion carried.
3. Motion carried that the District pay Bro. Davidson \$10.00 a week for car expense for three months.
4. Motion carried that the District help canvas the city of Big Spring.
5. Motion carried that the District publish announcements concerning the new work in the Big Spring paper.

Motion made and seconded that we present \$100.00 to Bro. Nick Baker as appreciation gift for his faithful work. Motion carried.

Bro. Keith Woody gave an oral report on the work at the Lubbock Mission. He reported 53 in attendance in Sunday School with \$200.00 a week income.

Bro. David Sellers & Bro. Dean Thompson also gave an oral report on the progress of their churches.

The Sunday School Report was given by Sis. Neva Woody. Report:
Enrollment-343, New Members-3, Dropped-1, Depts.-21, No. of Classes-42, Ave. Grade-74, Contacts-461, Offering-\$1200.52, Ave. Attend.-50.

Submitted by,
Neva Woody

Motion passed to receive this report.

The C.T.S. Report was given by Sis. Nadine Hood. Report:
Enrollment-191, New Members-1, C.T.S.'s-28, Ave. Attend.-33, Ave. Offering-\$185.89, Dropped-1, Ave. Grade-72.

Submitted by,
Greeta Cooksey
Nadine Hood

Motion made, seconded and carried to receive it.

The Obituary Committee reported one death during this quarter.-Mrs. J.L. Hordley of Westside Church, Midland, Texas. Motion passed to receive the report and to stand for a moment of silent prayer for those who mourn her passing.

Bro. Nick Baker gave an Executive Board Report. Motion passed to receive it as information.

Bro. Gary Roberts and Sis. Floyd Brawley were nominated as 1 year person to the Auditing Committee to replace Gary Uhls. Bro. Roberts was elected.

Bro. Bobby Ferguson, State Executive Secretary, admonished the District to give extra for State office expense because of added expense due to the national Convention in 1972 in Texas. Motion made, seconded and carried that our District give \$10.00 a month for State Office expense from now until the Convention.

An additional Credential Report was given by Bro. Harmon. Motion carried to adopt the recommendation. It was as follows: "We the members of the Credential Board have examined Gwen Tanner and Randy Hood for license for the ministry, and have found them sound in faith and doctrine. We recommend them to the district."

Submitted by,
Will Harmon, Floyd Brawley
& Bill Mizzles

After a recess, the congregation began singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart".

Bro. Floyd Brawley led our hearts in prayer.

An offering was taken.

Mary McCowan and Lyn Baker sang a special, "When They Tore The Old Country Church Down."

The Lubbock church then blessed our hearts with special singing.

Motion made, seconded and carried that we go to Kermit Church for the next Quarterly meeting.

A trio from Westside Church, Ronnie Mizzles, Donna Padgett and Randy Hood, sang "He Washed My Eyes With Tears."

The Ministers Quartet sang "Jesus Is Coming Soon"

Bro. Bobby Ferguson delivered the message of the hour. Scripture text was, I Peter 3:15 on the subject, "Maintaining a Positive Influence."

Announcement was made that Bro. James Sturgill, Missionary to Brazil, would like to come to the District in January. He urged each local church to write to the National Mission Board to invite him to come.

Bro. Hood dismissed in prayer and asked the blessing on the food.

The meeting was adjourned.

Clerk,
Ila North

March 11, 1972

The Midessa District Quarterly meeting convened with First Free Will Baptist Church, Kermit, Texas on March 11, 1972.

The session was moderated by Bro. Glen Hood.

Bro. Dean Thompson led the congregation in singing.

The Visitors were welcomed.

After a partial Credentials Report was given, Bro. Lionel Cooksey seated the delegates.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the Lubbock Church be accepted into the District Association and that their delegates be seated.

Bro. Gene Mowery presented the Devotion on "The Hallmark of True Religion."

A Credentials Report was given by Bro. Bill Harmon. Report:

"We the members of the Credential Board have examined the following men for deacons and recommend them to the District to be placed on six months trial. The men are; Thayer Nolte, Gary Roberts and Gene Mowery." Motion passed to accept this recommendation.

Submitted by,
Bill Harmon, Dean Thompson, David Sellers

The minutes were read by Bro. Sherman North. Motion carried to accept them.

The Treasurer's Report was also given by Bro. North. Motion passed to receive it as given.

The Sunday School Report was given by Sis. Neva Woody. Report:

Enrollment-423, New Members-81, Dropped-1, No. of Depts.-21, No of Classes-48, Contacts-1060, Ave. Attend.-49, Ave. Grade-62, Offering-\$1099.25.

Submitted by,
Neva Woody

Motion was carried to receive this report.

The C.T.S. Report was given by Sis. Pat Cates. Report:

Enrollment-264, No. of C.T.S.'s-40, Ave. Attend.-47, Offering-\$685.78, Dropped-2, Ave. Grade-85.

Submitted By,
Nadine Hood, Greta Cooksey, Pat Cates
R.E. Lunsford

Motion was carried to receive this report and vote on their recommendations item by item.

1. Motion made, seconded and carried that the Youth Rally be held at 9:30 A.M. Saturday.
2. Motion carried that the District purchase a C.T.S. buzzer for the Bible Bowl.
3. Motion made, seconded and carried that the Constitution of the C.T.S. Youth be accepted.
4. Motion carried that the District buy new sword drill Bibles.

The Home Mission Report was given by Bro. R.E. Lunsford. Motion carried to receive it as information.

The Obituary Committee reported two deaths in the District for this quarter. They were Marie Tittle, Westside Church and Mrs. Trena Tidwell, Bible Church. Motion carried to receive the report and to stand for a moment of silent prayer for those who mourn their passing.

Submitted by,
Barbara Mizzles

Bro. Lionel Cooksey gave an Executive Board Report. Motion carried that it be accepted as information.

Motion made and seconded that we have the executive board meetings the third Friday night prior to the District Quarterly meeting at 7:00 P.M. before the Minister's and Deacons Conference. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded that Midessa District send our District Youth winners to the State and National Associations. Motion carried.

Motion made, seconded and carried that each leader bring back an itemized statement of all expenses of the trip.

After a recess, an offering was taken.

A special was given by Bro. Thompson, "Follow Me."

Lucy Tume sang, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus."

Bro. Keith Woody brought the morning message on Eph. 3:13-21, "Know God."

An invitation was given.

The noon meal was blessed and the session was dismissed in prayer.

Assistant Clerk,
Hickie Boggs

June 10, 1972

The Midessa District Association met at Westside Free Will Baptist Church on June 10, 1972.

The session began with congregational singing led by Bro. Keith Woody.

Bro. Herbert Richards led our hearts in prayer.

Bro. Glen Hood moderated the session.

Visitors were recognized and welcomed. Special guests for the session was "The Gleaners Trio" and Bro. Abe Baerg from Nashville Bible College and Bro. & Sis. Herbert Richards from Corpus Christi, Texas.

The standing delegates were recognized.

A partial Credential Report was given. It was as follows:

6 churches reported with \$60.00 in church letters and 28 delegates. Motion carried to receive the partial report and seat the delegates.

The National Association College Gleaners Trio blessed our hearts with special singing. Bro. Abe Baerg brought greetings from the Bible College.

Motion made, seconded and carried that we go to Lubbock Church for the next Quarterly Association.

The Minutes were read by the Clerk. Motion carried to receive them as read.

The Treasurer's Report was read. Motion carried to receive it as given.

The Executive Board Report was given. Motion passed to receive the report and vote on it item by item.

It was moved, seconded and carried that our District youth director's expense be paid to the National Association along with with our District youth

winner and her sponsor for this year only.
Motion carried that Seminole Church borrow up to \$1300.00 from Midessa District for church furniture and an air conditioner. This loan is to be extended to the loan now in effect, with the same amount of payment that they are presently making.

Nomination were in order for delegates for the Texas State Association. Sisters Ethel Sellers, Greeta Cooksey, Pat Cates, Margie Lunsford and Ila North were nominated and elected by acclamation with Nadine Hood and Marie Smart as alternates.

Motion made, seconded and carried to allow \$342.03 expenses for youth winner, sponsor and youth director to attend the National Association, and that they bring back to the treasurer any amount they might have left over.

The Sunday School Report was given by Sis. Neva Woody. Report: 5 Churches reported, Total Enrollment-327, New Members-52, Dropped-25, Depts.-15, No. of Classes-36, Contacts-1193, Ave. Grade-76, Offering-\$787.75, Ave. Attend.-56.

Submitted by,
Neva Woody
Dora Johnson

Motion carried to receive this report.

The C.T.S. Report was given by Sis. Pat Cates. Report:

4 Churches reported-Enrollment-207, No. of C.T.S.'s-23, Ave. Attend.-41, Offering-\$599.58, Dropped-16, Ave. Grade-79.

Submitted by,
Pat Cates
Greeta Cooksey
Dutch Lunsford

Motion carried to receive it.

Obituary Committee reported 1 death this quarter. It was that of Bro. Calvin Clark, Westside Church. Motion made, seconded and carried to receive the report and the congregation stood for a moment of silent prayer. After a recess, the service began with congregational singing led by Bro. Abe Baerg.

Bro. Herbert Richards led in prayer.

Information concerning the Bible College was brought to the congregation by Bro. Baerg. Needs of the College were brought to the attention of the group.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was given at this time.

Motion was carried to accept the report and vote on them item by item.

The following officers and Chairmen were elected:

Moderator-----	Lionel Cooksey
Assistant Moderator-----	Glen Hood
Clerk-----	Ila North
Treasurer-----	Weldon Huston
Parliamentarian-----	Bill Johnson
Assistant Clerk-----	Neva Woody

Executive Board	4 Years	David Sellers
Credential Board	3 Years	Gene McCowan
Home Mission Board	3 Years	Glen Wood
Sunday School Board	3 Years	Ethel Sellers
C.T.S. Board	3 Years	Betty Hobbs
Auditing Committee	3 Years	Gary Tune
Resolutions Committee	3 Years	Nadine Hood
Temperance Committee	3 Years	Nick Baker
C.T.S. Director		Pat Cates
Obituary Committee	3 Years	Zanette Mowery

Motion made, seconded and carried that we give \$100.00 to the Bible College for the Gleaners Trio.

An offering was taken.

Bro. Baerg led us in prayer.

The Gleaners Trio sang another special.

The message of the hour was brought by Bro. Baerg.

Bro. Lionel Cooksey blessed the meal and dismissed in prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Clerk,
Ila North

The End